

Are You WEATHER WISE?

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Staying Safe in Red Canyon

You are responsible for your own safety. Please be prepared and remain aware. Watch the weather: it can change in a few minutes. While days may be pleasantly warm in summer, cold fronts can move in and evenings at this high altitude will be chilly.



Lightning storm over Canyonlands
Credit: Van Stroh



Lightning threat on the summit
Credit: Mackenzie N. Berg

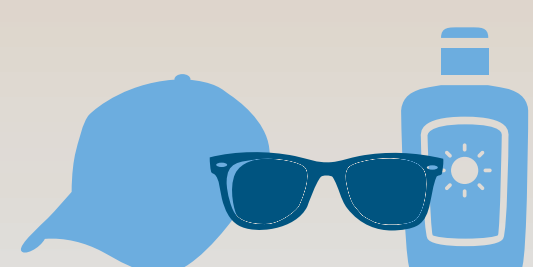
Be Cautious

Intense rainstorms may strike suddenly—be especially alert from July through August. Stay away from canyon bottoms. In case of lightning seek shelter in a building or a car. If you cannot avoid the storm, put on rain gear and leave open fields. You want to avoid standing under or near the highest elevation point.

Seek low elevations. Place all metal items—including watches, tent poles and external frame backpacks—at least 100 yards away and crouch as the storm passes over.

Please Consider These Guidelines While in Red Canyon

PROTECT



Wear clothing layers that will accommodate different temperatures that may change dramatically according to elevation and weather conditions. Protect yourself with sunscreen, a hat or sunglasses if necessary.

LAYER



Under cool conditions, protect against hypothermia by shedding damp clothing and wearing insulating layers that are waterproof so you can stay warm and dry.

HYDRATE



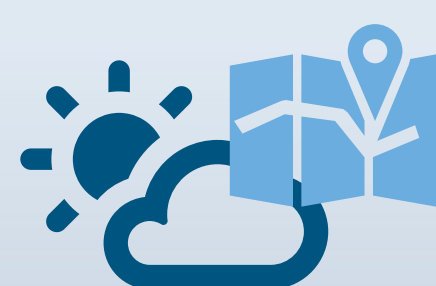
Drink plenty of water. Water sources are very scarce, bring plenty of your own.

GATHER



Hike with companions or in a group.

PREPARE



Check forecasts and maps before heading out. Check the visitor center, Powell District Office located in Panguitch, UT, or look at the Dixie National Forest website for any important alerts or updates.



Flash flood zone
Credit: John Blough



Red Canyon wash
Credit: USFS



Be responsible
Credit: Jack Simons



Volcano meets Claron
Credit: USFS

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